punished and stay has been granted on 14.12.2001 and the aforesaid appeal is yet pending before the Hon'ble Commission as such, it is not required to take any action against the officers.

(b) The following officers have been penalized by name :—

(i) Shri Feroz Anwar, TDM, Mainpuri.

(ii) Shri U. C. Misra, SDO, Mainpuri.

(c) No strictures have been passed by the court by name against any of the officers.

Laying of Telephone Cables

†*367. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the names and designations of the 15 officers against whom disciplinary action is being taken;

(b) the names of the officers who have been suspended;

(c) the names of the contractors against whom orders for excess payment were issued alongwith the amount to be recovered;

(d) whether pace of the action is very slow and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the action would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Details of the names of 15 officers with their designations against whom disciplinary action is being taken in Mainpuri SSA are given in Statement-I (*See* below)

(b) The name of the suspended officer is Shri P. S. Singh.

(c) Details are given in Statement—II (*See* below).

(d) and (e)

(i) In respect of the total recoveries to be made from M/s S.P.S. Yadav, an amount of Rs. 13,48,664 is being adjusted against his pending bills and earnest money/security deposit etc. within a period of one month.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ii) M/s Bhagwati Trading Corporation has approached the Hon'ble High court for release of payment of his pending bills from where excess payment was to be recovered, for which Hon'ble High court has referred the matter for Arbitration and thus further action shall be taken after the award of the Arbitration.

Statement-I

List of officers against whom regular departmental action for major penalty recommended

Sl. No.	Name of the Officers S / Shri	Designation
1.	P. S. Singh	DE [now retired]
2.	R. Y. Prasad	DE
3.	Onkar Nath	SDE
4.	C. P. Singh	SDE
5.	Vijay Singh	SDE
6.	Joginder Singh	SDE
7.	U. C. Mishra	SDE
8.	Ram Das	JTO
9.	Ram Saran	JTO
10.	Badshah	JTO
11.	Raj Kumar	JTO
12.	Lal Singh	AO
13.	R. P. Verma	AAO
14.	S. B. Singh	Pre-Checker
15.	Ram Dutt	SDE(A / T)

DE — Divisional Engineer

SDE — Sub-Divisional Engineer

JTO — Junior Telecom Officer

AO — Accounts Officer

AAO — Assistant Accounts Officer

AT — Acceptance & Testing

Statement—II

Details of amount ordered to be recovered from the contractors

Sl. No.	Name of the Contractors	Amount ordered to be recovered
1.	M/s S.P.S. Yadav	Rs. 17,15,456
2.	M/s Bhagwati Trading Corporation	Rs. 11,69,134

Investment of PF money into Stock Market

*368. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation have made any inquiry into the allegation of PF money investment in the stock market; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) The funds with the EPFO are being invested in accordance with the investment pattern prescribed by the Government which does not permit investment in the Stock Market.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Remittance of EPF contribution to Employees Account

*369. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 40 per cent (Rs. 796.97 crore) of the total Employees Provident Fund contribution for the year and arrears (Rs. 1981.07 crore) was remitted by the employers to the employees account, as on the 31st March, 2001;

(b) what is the position of such remittance as on the 31st March, 2002; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the management of the companies which have not deposited their contribution, company-wise?